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**FORMER INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT CHARGED
WITH PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES M. JOHNSON, JR., 48, Cincinnati, Ohio, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for producing child pornography on two occasions in March 2004, following an investigation by the Indiana State Police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Hamilton County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department, Green Township (Ohio) Police Department, Hamilton County (Ohio) Children's Services, and the Hamilton County (Ohio) Department of Job and Family Services.

The indictment alleges that Johnson produced child pornography on two occasions in Indianapolis in March 2004 with a victim named Jane Doe who was 9 or 10 years old. The indictment further alleges that the child pornography was produced using materials that

traveled in interstate commerce and the images themselves traveled in interstate commerce.

JOHNSON was arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the residence he has lived at since sometime in 2004.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, a person who produces child pornography after April 30, 2003, when a new law took effect, could receive between 15-30 years for each occasion. JOHNSON faces a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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